

Men's tennis wins AMCC championship

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The Penn State Behrend men's tennis team finished their season with a flurry of positive results. The netters started with the nail biting 5-4 victory over Fredonia last Wednesday. The match was tied at 4-4 with only the second doubles match remaining. Matt Carlson and Ivan McCracken battled like true champions and took the victory 10-6.

"There was a lot of pressure on us to win this match, but Ivan and I handled it well and we came out on top," commented Carlson.

The win placed the netters record at 9-7 heading into the conference championships at Frostburg State (located in Maryland). The team headed south to Maryland Friday for a clash with rival Lake Erie. The long van ride slowed the netters in the early stages of the match. However, the Lions regained their poise and took it to Lake Erie. The final score of the match was a convincing 8-1. The lone loss was suffered in a three set three hour marathon at sixth singles by Phil Defabio. Defabio battled through a severe illness which was apparently caught during the team's stop for lunch in Pittsburgh.

"They must have slipped something in my food, because I felt terrible all day and through most of the night," described Defabio.

"Phil showed amazing courage even completing the match, he gave it his all under the worst possible

conditions," pointed out Coach Keenan.

Luckily Defabio's illness wasn't contagious, but his never say die attitude was as the netters awoke the next morning to battle Frostburg State in the match to decide the first ever AMCC Champion. The Lions came out with fire in their eyes as they breezed through the doubles 3-0 and surrendered only a mere singles match to the final score, 8-1.

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Ivan McCracken won the featured singles match, as his opponent was defaulted for excessive use of verbal profanities.

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The win ensured the Lions of their first of what hopes to be many AMCC Championships. Coach Keenan also saw his dream of a winning season come true as the Lions finished with an 11-7 record.

"This team is definitely heading in the right direction. We won our conference and competed strongly outside the AMCC," stated Keenan.

Congratulations is definitely in order for Coach Keenan and his entire tennis squad.

Lion softball team to play for AMCC title this weekend

by Dylan Stewart
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The Lions softball team were forced this week to play both bad news bears squads Lake Erie and LaRoche, before having to adjust to face a real challenge at the end of the week in the name of Fredonia State College.

Behrend may have had a tough time adjusting from one extreme to another, as they started their week off by easily smashing both Lake Erie and LaRoche, before getting handed two defeats by Fredonia.

Although the two losses were by no means welcome to the Lions, head coach Cindy Jacobelli thinks that they might have been a good way to prepare for the upcoming AMCC championships this weekend.

"It was a good tune-up for the stretch run of the season," said Jacobelli. "We really needed to see some competition, before going into the playoffs," added Jacobelli.

"I think that our team will be in real good shape if we all start hitting the ball the way we are capable of hitting the ball," said outfielder Lisa Fox.

The AMCC championship tournament is slated for this weekend at host school Pitt-Bradford, with the Lions set to play Frostburg State, before playing the winner of Pitt-Bradford and LaRoche in the championship game.

The Lions were successful against Frostburg State all year long, winning in three out of four games. If the Lions were to make the championship, they would most likely face host school Pitt-Bradford

whom the Lions have split with this year with one win and one loss.

"We need to hit the ball and stay mentally focused to win the AMCC," said Jacobelli. "We are confident that our team is very capable of doing both those things and coming away with a title," commented Jacobelli.

The Lions started their week out by beating LaRoche unmercifully by a score of 26-3, before LaRoche forfeited the second game in the doubleheader sweep.

Behrend banged out eighteen hits on offense, while only allowing LaRoche three hits in game one.

Steph Roberts and Beth Calhoun

three runs on three base hits.

The Lions next moved on to smash Lake Erie by scores of 13-1, and 14-3.

Beth Calhoun was solid on the hill in game one, as she gave up only three runs on five hits, while striking out seven in six innings of work.

Calhoun also produced offensively, as she went 2-4, with two triples and two runs scored.

Mandy Bodnor was 3-3 at the plate, with two RBI's and one double, while both Lisa Fox and Meeghan Trumbull chipped in with two hits apiece.

Game two was another blowout, as the Lions prevailed by a score of

up with only four hits, as they lost by a score of 0-3.

Beth Calhoun gave it her best effort, as she gave up only two earned runs on nine hits, while striking out four.

Mandy Bodnor was the only Lion to show up at the plate, going 2-3, with two singles.

Game two was another case of missing bats, as the Lions pitching and defense held up only to have the offense MIA, as Behrend lost by a score of 3-5.

Mandy Bodnor went six innings of work, allowing three earned runs on four base hits, while striking out two and walking three.

Once again the Lions only came up with only four hits in the loss, with Lisa Fox leading the way going 2-3, with two single tallies.

Looking ahead to the AMCC tourney, freshman slugger Meeghan Trumbull was optimistic as she declared, "I think if we go in with something positive, we will come out with something positive."

The Lion softball squad move their overall record to 15-16, while moving their AMCC record to 11-3.

Behrend will travel to Pitt-Bradford this weekend for the AMCC championship, before closing out their season next week with two doubleheaders on the road.

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had four hits apiece, while Calhoun added an amazing eight RBI's and three runs scored.

Freshman Meeghan Trumbull was an impressive 5-5 from the plate, with one run scored.

Stacy Blass and Becky Rishel also poured on three hits apiece for the victors, as they both combined for nine runs scored.

Mandy Bodnor capped off the offense going 2-5, with a home run and five RBI's.

Beth Calhoun got the win, going five innings of work, only allowing

13-1.

Mandy Bodnor threw a one-hitter, while giving up one run and striking out seven.

A trio of Lions provided the offense for Behrend, as Lisa Fox, Mandy Bodnor, and Beth Calhoun each had three base knocks in the winning effort.

The Lions finally ran into some trouble at the end of the week as they dropped a doubleheader to Fredonia State by scores of 0-3, and 3-5.

The offense seemed to be missing in game one, as the Lions came

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POINT SYSTEM STANDINGS

| | Fall | 5v5 | Pong | 4vb | 6vb | Socr | Msb | Swim | Bad | Total | Rank |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-------|------|
| FRATERNITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sigma Tau Gamma | 1196 | 66 | 295 | 0 | 80 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1682 | 2 |
| Delta Chi | 775 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 45 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1035 | 3 |
| Zeta Beta Tau | 1030 | 41 | 240 | 0 | 70 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 340 | 1786 | 1 |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon | 730 | 33 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 853 | 4 |
| Sigma Kappa Nu | 155 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 398 | 5 |
| INDEPENDENT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rush Violators | 1633 | 98 | 170 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2076 | 1 |
| Jolly Ranchers | 935 | 18 | 65 | 0 | 55 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 1338 | 2 |
| Scrubs | 716 | 38 | 80 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 1094 | 3 |
| Niagara | 228 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 228 | 5 |
| Mustangs | 266 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 276 | 4 |
| RESIDENCE HALL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Perry 2 | 300 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 475 | 1 |
| Niagara 1 West | 30 | 0 | 235 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 330 | 3 |
| Perry 1 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 4 |
| Porcupine | 100 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 55 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 370 | 2 |
| WOMEN'S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lemon Heads | 785 | 0 | 220 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 1175 | 1 |
| Theta Phi Alpha | 435 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 435 | 2 |
| Team Niagara | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 3 |
| Alpha Sigma Tau | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 4 |
| COED | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Duds | 660 | 0 | 110 | 120 | 45 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 185 | 1130 | 1 |
| Scrubs | 625 | 0 | 30 | 110 | 135 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 1005 | 2 |
| KDR-Theta Phi | 560 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 560 | 3 |
| ZBTNA | 170 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 290 | 4 |

Congratulations 1998 men's tennis team
1998 AMCC champions

SCOREBOARD

Baseball **15-8**

PSB 10, ALLEGHENY 6
PSB 13, PITT-GREENSBURG 1
PSB 12, PITT-GREENSBURG 3

Softball **15-16**

PSB 26, LaROCHE 3
PSB 14, LAKE ERIE 3
PSB 13, LAKE ERIE 1
PSB 0, FREDONIA STATE 3
PSB 3, FREDONIA STATE 5

Men's tennis **11-7**

PSB 5, FREDONIA 4
PSB 8, LAKE ERIE 1
PSB 8, FROSTBURG 1